GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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MEETING OF DRDAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of different States met during 2006 ;

(b) If so, the States who participated therein and the details of the discussion held alongwith the outcome thereof ;

(c)Whether all the DRDA from each district participated therein ;

(d) If not, the reasons there for ; and

(e) The reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir. National Conference of Project Directors of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) was held on 16-17 October, 2006.

(b) All the States except Sikkim participated in the meeting.

In the Conference the discussions were held on the following programmes:

a) NREGA, NFFWP and SGRY

b) SGSY and DRDA Administration

c) National Rural Housing Policy and permanent IAY waitlist

d) Monitoring and online reporting.

e) Area Development Programme

f) Drinking Water and the Total Sanitation Campaign

Presentations were made by the Project Directors and CEOs on the success stories of their districts which were also discussed in the Conference.

In the National Conference, Project Directors/Chief Executive Officers of DRDAs had an interaction, sharing of experiences and information on various programmes of the Ministry.The recommendations/suggestions were put forward by the Project Directors/CEOs of DRDAs on the following topics :-

(a) Drinking Water Supply & Total Sanitation,

(b) Marketing Strategy for products of Self Help Groups,

(c) Affordable housing for poorest family,

(d) Integrating National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREG) work into watershed development plans,

(e) Preparation of a PURA perspective plan and

(f) Improving the impact of Rural Development programmes on women.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) It is not possible for all the States to spare their all Project Directors for the meeting due to administrative reasons which has been accepted by the Union Government. There was adequate participation and representation from most of the States in the Conference.